

boards of education in that county. What this amendment would do, it would say that they are nominated and elected every four years by the boards of education by class of school district. In other words, the Class I district school board members that are at the reorganization meeting will be able to vote on only their representatives. The Class III school board members that are there will be able to vote on only their representatives. The Class II representatives will be able to vote on only their representatives. It is possible under the current scenario if one particular group dominates at the reorganization meeting, they can elect individuals from other classes that are sympathetic to their point of view, and it happens in some cases. Currently, our law says there may be no less than 6 nor more than 10 members of each county committee. This committee amendment would say...put the limit from 7 to 12. The rationale for that is increasing the size of the committees provides for greater opportunities for proportional representation. Currently, the law says each class of district shall have one member of the committee, at least one member of the committee. We don't change that. Each class of district shall have one member of the committee. Number four, the remaining members shall be elected from each class of district based upon the relationship of the population of each class of district to the total population in the county. We are changing LB 443 to make that relationship of the total school census, from birth to 21 years, as opposed to population. In other words, we are using the numbers of children being educated as opposed to the number of residents as the basis. And the fourth thing or the last thing we do with the committee amendments is that we make the vacancies are filled by appointment by the...currently vacancies can be filled with anyone. We clarify that the vacancies must be filled by individuals from the same class of district as the person who was sitting in that position before it had to vacate. These are the changes we are making. They deal primarily with the concept of county reorganization committees. Again, we are merging the two concepts together for you to consider all at one time. I would urge you to support the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb is next, but may I introduce first a guest, a special guest, of Senator Shirley Marsh who is over under the south balcony. Shirley, would you please stand with your guest, and the guest is Zerbano Gifford, who is a British subject, and is a perspective candidate for Parliament from the East District of London, and we are happy to have you with us. Would you please welcome our guest today. And we wish you much